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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Gang Bao et al. )  
) Art Unit: 1743  
Serial No.: 10/694,243 )  
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Filed: October 27, 2003 ) Examiner: Dameron Levest Jones  
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For: Multifunctional Magnetic )  
Nanoparticle Probes for Intracellular )  
Molecular Imaging and Monitoring )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 3, 2005,  
Applicants submit the present amendments and remarks. Applicants respectfully request  
reconsideration and allowance of the remaining claims.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mailstop: Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on June 9, 2005.

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